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In re Patent Application of )  
Colin Leslie YOUNG ) Group Art Unit: 1614  
Application No.: 09/762,585 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: February 9, 2001 )  
For: MOLLUSC REPELLANT )

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed February 9, 2001, and prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-48, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following new claims 55-83:

55. (New) A method for treating an article with a mollusc repellent composition which method comprises applying to the surface of said article, a mollusc repellent composition comprising an effective amount of a substantially insoluble metal oxalate and a suitable carrier therefor.

56. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the metal of the metal oxalate is a transition metal or a transition metal in combination with a non-transition metal.